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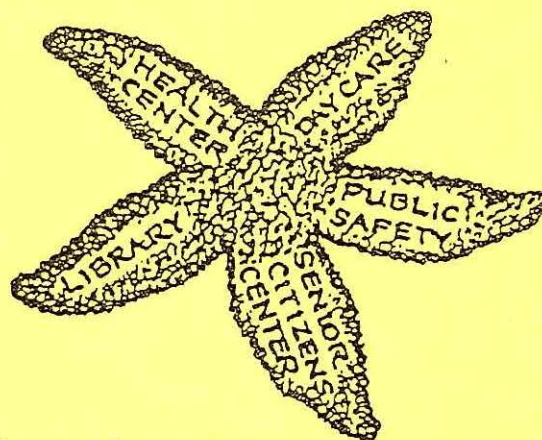
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Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Island's Service Agencies & other Community News

April 2013

Volume 33

Issue 4

April at the Peaks Island Branch Library

in the Community Building 766-5540

email peaks@portland.lib.me.us

Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12

Exciting Author Event: Please join us for an evening with award-winning author Leslea Newman on **Monday, April 8, at 7 pm** in the Community Room. Ms. Newman, who has written over 60 books, will talk about the writing process and read from her latest book, *October Mourning*, a cycle of poems about the death of Matthew Shepard, the gay 21-year-old University of Wyoming student lured from a bar by two young men, savagely beaten, tied to a fence and left to die. This event is geared to adults and adolescents, ages 15 and older. Thank you to Eleanor Morse for bringing Ms. Newman to Peaks Island. Books will be available for purchase after the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

May Baskets Anyone? On Tuesday, April 30, come to the library to make May Baskets in time for May Day, Wednesday, May 1. May Baskets usually hold flowers or candy or some other small treat. Sometimes people leave them at a neighbor's door, knock or ring the doorbell, and then run away so the neighbor does not know who left it. ALL AGES can participate in this fun program. The Peaks Island Girl Scouts will be here to help.

First Tuesdays Book Discussion: *The High Skies Adventures of Blue Jay the Pirate* by Scott Nash is the book for the meeting on April 2. Children at the Peaks Island School are invited guests and Scott will attend. It will be interesting to get the perspective of All AGES on this book that will appeal to ALL AGES. The book for May 7 is *Abundance: The Future Is Better Than You Think* by Peter Diamandis and Steven Kotler. The library has just one copy, but there are lots of copies available through MaineCat. You can request it online from home, or call, email or come in and we will request one for you. Chris Hoppin will moderate the discussion.

Meetings are at 7 pm in the Community Room.

Two Peaks Islanders' Stories appear in short story collections: Thomas Rice's story, "Hard Truths," appears in *The Best American Mystery Stories 2012*, and Perry O'Brien's story, "Poughkeepsie," is in a book called *Fire and Forget, Short Stories From the Long War*. The Peaks Island Branch has both of these books, as well as other books by these two authors. Come in and check them out!

Computer Help in April: Our good luck continues in that Julio Henriquez will be at the library again on two Wednesdays in April: April 10 and April 24 from 10-12 am to give basic Instructional Technology help in Internet, MS Office Word and Excel. He can also offer laptop malware cleanup and maintenance. Best to call ahead, but drop ins are welcome. Please spread the word if you know anyone who would benefit from this.

Story Time for Preschoolers continues on Friday mornings at 10:15. All are welcome.

Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

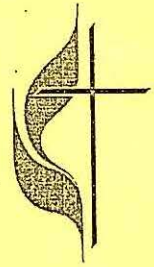
Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds

We are a Welcoming, Inclusive, Reconciling Congregation

9 Church Ave., Peaks Island, ME 04108

Pastor: Rev. Angela Tarbox

207-766-5013; www.brackettmumc.org; brackettmumc@yahoo.com



Sunday Morning Worship at 10am. All ages are welcome. Worship is followed by an informal time of food and fellowship in the church hall.

Mission, Education & Outreach

Scripture Study Tuesdays, 8:30-10am at the home of Beth Childs. All are welcome!

Adult Study "Three Simple Rules," Wednesdays, 7-8pm at the Church.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Tuesdays, 12:30-2:30 pm at the Parsonage. All are welcome!

Peaks Island Food Pantry at Brackett Church Mondays, 3:30-5p; Thursdays, 9:30-11a.

Youth Programs: AftaSchool for grades 4-7, Mondays and Thursdays, 2:30-6pm. Tweens, April 12 & 26, 6:30-9pm. Call Jeannie Ashmore (766-2982) for info or to sponsor an evening.

Girl Scouts 3:45-5:15pm, April 9 & 23. Call Diane Ricciotti (766-5183) for info.

Special Event on Saturday, April 20 – 9am-4pm:

From Conflict to Connection: Keeping our communities and families strong by thinking and listening in new ways. This program, free to participants thanks to the Brackett MUMC Good Works Grant, will be led by Peggy Smith (certified by the Center for Nonviolent Communication) and our own Peaks Island resident, Rebecca Stephans. "Whether you want to improve your relationship with yourself, your family, co-workers or community, your participation in this workshop will open new doors and expand your options. You will gain concrete skills for using daily conflict to relate ore authentically and compassionately...." Registration forms and brochures with more information are available at the Brackett church and the community center.

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Rector: Father Louis Phillips 773-7746

Mass Schedule: Regular Sunday Mass is at 10 AM followed by fellowship in the Parish House. All are invited and details are on-line at www.cluster21portland.org.

Information: For questions concerning Baptism, Reconciliation & Marriage, please contact Father Lou.

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Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Check out great safety suggestions from
our Portland Fire Department at
[www.portlandmaine.gov/fireprevention/
residentialsmokecoalarmrequirements.pdf](http://www.portlandmaine.gov/fireprevention/residentialsmokecoalarmrequirements.pdf)
For more information about CERT, call Albert Bleau
at 766-0007 or 781-962-2662.

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PEAKS ISLAND TAX AND EXERGY ASSISTANCE

In May of 2005, the Peaks Island Committee for Fundraising for Property Tax Relief began a journey which continues today . None of us really thought the committee would be in existence in 2013! The assistance that we provide has made it possible for some of our friends and neighbors to remain in their homes even though taxes have increased and the price of energy continues to rise. Our tax assistance account named for our dear friend and neighbor, Sam McCain, provided \$4100 in property tax assistance for the tax season 3012-2013. Our energy assistance fund has assisted 23 families or \$7000 since September of 2012. Of course, our energy assistance is available almost year-round. Many homes have their hot water tanks attached to their heating systems and we need hot water 12 months a year. As the committee starts to make plans for fundraising we wanted to report our earnings and expenditures for the last year.

As spring arrives we bid our long, cold, and expensive winter adieu. Energy prices continued to soar, food prices increased because of the cost to transport food items, and even clothes, shoes and domestic items have had price increases. Our property taxes did not go down and most of our salaries and pay for our retirees did not go up. Although the economy is starting to rebound the effect is just beginning to be felt. As a result Peaks Island Tax and Energy continues to have an increase in the number of applicants.

Over the years our committee membership has changed. But our missions have remained the same. The Peaks Island Fund and the Lions Club have been benefactors at various times over the last few years. Islanders contributed thousands of dollars to PITEA . The Peaks Island Baptist Church provides our venue for our dinners as well as monetary support throughout the year. . Portland Harbor Fuel Company and John Ready, Jr., the supplier of fuel products to the dealers on the Island donated \$1000 for energy assistance. We have received over \$1000 in matching fund contributions, and over \$4800 from Market America. If you went online to Ilovpeaks and made purchases then you helped to contribute those dollars. We have a number of partners in our MarketAmerica group who have helped us to receive the funds. We cannot thank Susan Thomas enough for getting us involved in the program for 501(c)3 charitable funds and for her invaluable assistance. The attendees of our Loaf and Ladle Dinners gave a little extra, too. The kind and good hearts of Islanders and other donors allowed us to assist all applicants who were approved by our clergy.

Our April Loaf and Ladle Dinner will be on Saturday, April 20th from 5-7 p.m. at the Peaks Island Baptist Church Hall. We are still working on the menu but you can be sure that the food will be delicious and plentiful. Our members provide all of the food and they are terrific cooks. All of the proceeds are deposited in our energy and tax accounts. We could not do our work without those who donate the food every month.

We live in a community that recognizes that our friends and neighbors do need assistance now and then to remain on the island and to keep their houses warm. The generous donations of islanders and businesses continue to make it possible for many islanders to have warm homes and for others "the taxman has not cometh." Your support of PITEA and its missions is a reminder to all that year-round or seasonal residents of Peaks Island are kind, supportive and considerate with very generous spirits.

On behalf of PITEA members past and present thank you!

Cynthia Pedlikin
President

Peaks Island Elementary School

During the last two weeks of March we held our Spring Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences. We always welcome occasions when we can share our pride in your children for their accomplishments. Thank you to all who attended these important meetings! If your schedule prevented your meeting with your child's teacher, please contact us and we will be happy to set up an appointment that is more convenient for you.

On April 4th, our fourth and fifth graders are heading in town to listen to a presentation by John Hunter (a teacher from Virginia) and watch a film entitled: "World Peace and Other Fourth Grade Achievements." Hunter has taught his students the work of peace by playing a game he created called World Peace Game. We will tell you more about our experiences in next month's STAR.

Our Island Tales project is moving forward. We have interviewed several islanders already and have a few more scheduled. What a wealth of information is being shared! Stay tuned for more news of where we are headed with this project.

In science we continue our work with Simple Machines in some classrooms and the topics of Matter and Energy in others.

PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP: 71 Herman Avenue: 766-2854
www.picw.org



The PICW will be closed MONDAY, APRIL 15th FOR PATRIOTS DAY

Please feel free to contact Celeste at celeste@picw.org, or give us a call or enrollment information.

We are studying everyday Heroes!

Thank you to Mark Pollard, a volunteer firefighter, for coming in and showing the children his work gear!

Thank you to Kitty Gilbert at the PI Health Center for giving us a tour!

Thank you Rob Lauterbach for the police / firestation visit!

Save the Date: Thursday, May 2nd for Cinco de Mayo scholarship fundraiser @ Jones Landing!
More info to come.

The Board of the PICW is always open to suggestions and communication from the community.
Please contact us through Board Chair, Gerry Ney at gney@kaplan.edu

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Be sure to mark these dates and events on your calendars:

Saturday, May 25—step-off at 11:15 AM—Annual Memorial Day Parade—sponsored by the American Legion-- with dock and graveside services in honor of deceased veterans. Poppies will be available for donations. Note: Saturday!

Friday, May 31—deadline for submitting applications for Auxiliary scholarships. This scholarship is available to high school graduates furthering their educations. First consideration is given to children of active members of the Auxiliary, American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, or any Peaks Island full-time resident who is a high school graduate. Write a letter explaining your efforts to continue your education—college, vocational or trade school, career courses, etc.—by May 31, 2013. Scholarships are awarded at the end of the first semester of work. Include the name of your school, your full name, your educational goals, and the name/address of a parent or guardian, who will also need to endorse the check. Send your application to

American Legion Auxiliary
Lisa Lynch, Scholarship Chairman
17 Elizabeth Street
Peaks Island, ME 04108

You also may give your application to Lisa at the Café.
Remember: The deadline for submitting applications is May 31, 2013

Upcoming events: More hat raffles!! Flag Day program and awarding of essay prizes!
PeaksFest!!

TEIA

\$1,000 TEIA Scholarship for High School Senior

Each year Trefethen Evergreen Improvement Association, TEIA, provides a \$1,000 academic scholarship to a Peaks Island resident graduating from a high school in Greater Portland. The scholarship is for a student planning post-secondary education. This may include two or four year college, an apprentice, degree or certificate program. Application forms will be available through the Peaks Island library by March 5. Completed forms must be returned by April 8 to Barbara Hoppin at 196 Seashore Ave. Peaks Island 04108. TEIA membership is not required and all Island high school seniors are encouraged to apply.
Please contact Barbara Hoppin at 766-2593 or Bahoppin@aol.com with any questions.

Saturday Night Movies on Peaks

The Peaks Island Film Academy has had a recent infusion of new talent and dedication. We have a new coordinator, Jean Martens, and we are grateful to Mark Pollard and Eric and Antonia Winter, who have stepped up to the plate to take a regular monthly 6 o'clock Family Movie showing. Also helping out will be new substitutes Phil Daligan and Phil Friedman. The two Phils have also agreed to cover when there is a fifth Saturday of the month, when there is not a regularly scheduled person. As luck would have it, they ended up subbing the same night they were trained. Excellent!

Many thanks to retiring film coordinator Paul Conley, who is still creating the movie flyer each month (some jobs you just cannot retire from easily), and Craig Davis and Jeanne Gulnick, who have had a regular monthly commitment for some years. And speaking of not being able to retire easily, Jeanne has offered to stay on as a substitute.

These new folks join continuing projectionists Faith York and Larry Ducharme; Lisa Penalver; Diane Eacret; Norm Proulx; and Fred Bragdon, and Patricia Mathers, who picks up the movies and brings them to the library on the weeks they come from Videoport.

The Saturday Night Movies are a program of The Friends of the Peaks Island Branch Library. They are FREE and are projected onto a big screen in the Community Room. Anyone who thinks they might like to help with the movies, please let us know at the library.

SENIOR LUNCHEON NEWS

Spring is in the air and the daffodils are coming up. The next Senior Luncheon will be Monday, April 8th at the Fay Garman House. Please bring a dish to share and join us at noon. All Seniors are welcome! If you don't consider yourself a Senior, come anyway!!

Peaks Island Food Pantry

The Peaks Island Food Pantry, housed at the Brackett Memorial Church, is open Mondays, 3:30 – 5 pm and Thursdays, 9:30 – 11 am. The entrance is at the back of the church. All are welcome. We are grateful for donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and household paper products. During off hours when the pantry is not open, donations can be dropped off in the collection box in the lobby of the Douglas McVane Community Center. No medicines, out of date or opened items can be accepted. Thank you for your support.

For more information or to arrange a food donation or delivery, please call Susan Hanley, 766-2735.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR: Thursday, April 25, by 6 pm. Bring your articles copy ready to the library. You may put them in the Book Return or under the door when the library is closed.

Portland Family Medicine
at the
Peaks Island Health Center
87 Central Ave.

Winter Hours: through Thursday, April 25: **Monday and Thursday**
8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Summer hours beginning April 29: **Monday, Wednesday, Friday**
8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Kitty Gilbert, Family Nurse Practitioner, provides care for all ages.
Please call either **766-2929** or **874-2466** for an appointment.

A reminder: On Monday, April 1, and the first Monday of each month thereafter, a phlebotomist will be at the Health Center for anyone needing blood work. Please call the Health Center for an appointment, and bring (or have faxed) a written order from your primary care physician. Health Center FAX# 207-766-5073

Another reminder: The Health Center will see patients for urgent care who have primary care physicians in other practices. However, before the situation arises, you should discuss this scenario with your insurance company. A form and further information is available at the Health Center.

Did you know that a podiatrist, Dr. Hebert, sees patients every other Wednesday at the Congress St. office of Portland Family Medicine? Call **874-2466** for an appointment. In future issues of the STAR, we will report on other health-related services available to Health Center patients at the Congress St. clinic.

PEAKS ISLAND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM (PEAT)

The next meeting of PEAT will be held on April 1st at 630 PM in the Doug MacVane Community room. All are welcome to attend and help us continue to keep the environment on Peaks safe and secure. Topics addressed will be as follows, though additional items are welcome if we are notified in advance.

Maggie Small update on "Fellow" projects

Weatherization update

ITS (Taxi) update

Trees from the City

Earth Day

Number of cars on Peaks

Tar Sands Update

Spring soil and air sampling

Brown moth update

Thank you. Please join us.

Howard Pedlikin, PEAT Sec'y

APRIL ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Recreation and Facilities Management

To reserve space and/or equipment in the community building, you must contact Denise (dln@portlandmaine.gov or 766-2970) at least two days in advance. Please plan ahead as Denise works part-time on the island, on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you leave a phone message but I don't get back to you, please call again as I may not have received the original message. Thanks!

Facility schedule may be viewed on-line at <http://www.portlandmaine.gov/rec/peaksislandcc.asp> but reservations must be made by contacting Denise.

FIRST MONDAY FUN FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Monday, April 1 11:00 am – 12 noon (in com. room)

Be creative with your little one(s). Make some spring-time crafts; music and dancing too! Children must be accompanied by an adult. ATTENTION PARENTS OF TODDLERS: Please let me know if you would like to socialize with other parents and toddlers. Separate time may be arranged

GARDEN SERIES with JUSTIN PALMER

Monday, April 1 1:00 – 2:00 pm (com. rm.)

Master Gardener Justin Palmer's topic is Pruning as the best time to do so is right out of dormancy/budding. This will be a "live" demo, weather permitting. Co-sponsor: PI Com. Garden

WEEKLY KNIT/CROCHET, CHAT and LUNCH

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18 and 25 10:45am-12:45 pm

Join us in the com. rm. as we continue making hats, scarves and dishcloths for charity. Stop by if you are interested in buying hand-made dish cloths (\$2). Proceeds to buy gloves for charity. All are welcome (easy projects for beginners). We accept donations of cotton yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks

OFF-ISLAND TRIP: SACO SHOPPING & DAFFODILS

Thursday, May 2 12:45 pm boat/5:35 pm return (no later)

Enjoy a trip "down south" for daffodils, Reny's, Dollar Store. Deadline to register is Thurs., April 25. \$4 based on 6 people

SPECIAL OFF-ISLAND TRIPS

Portland Recreation would like to sponsor more off-island trips (minimum= 6 people). Where do you want to go? Your suggestions are needed! Please add your ideas to the list on Denise's bulletin board. What shops, gardens, Farmers Markets, restaurants, theaters, etc. do you want to visit?

THURSDAY GET-TOGETHERS (com. rm.)

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, and 25 1:00 - 2:00pm

Come to the community room and socialize! All are invited.

Each week will have a different "theme". Ideas needed!

April 4: Share your craft ideas; bring samples. Get inspired!

April 11: Celebrate Nat'l Humor Month with a surprise or two

April 18*: Annual Earth Week Walk & Clean-Up. Open to all.

Co-sponsored with PI's Girl Scout Troop #1997. BYO work gloves & plastic bags, if available. Event held rain or shine.

Meet at com. bldg; location for clean-up to be determined.

*additional clean-up day on Friday, April 19 at 12:45 pm

April 25: "Old-Fashion" cleaning tips. Share helpful tips like using vinegar and other household items for "green" cleaning.

BINGO w/ "SPRING CLEANING" PRIZES: ALL AGES

Friday, April 19 Drop in anytime from 11:30am to 12:30pm

Stop by the community room to help Denise clean out her supply of "treasures" by winning many prizes! You may bring "re-gift" items to be used as prizes.

On-going exercise programs for Adults

FMI, please leave a message for Denise (766-2970)

Walking Program (or indoor stretching):

Mondays and Thursdays – meet at 8:30 in the com. rm.

Low-Impact Aerobics w/ Weights:

Mondays and Thursdays – 9:30 to 10:30 am (com. rm.)

Ping Pong:

Tuesday afternoons – 2:00 pm in the community room

Wednesday mornings – 10:00 am in the community room

After school on Wednesdays for those in Grade 3 and above

Adult Basketball (\$2 pp/per night):

Tuesday evenings - 6:00 to 8:00 pm at PI School Gym



Saturday Night Movies in April



Free in the Community Room – Sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Library

April	6 PM	April	8 PM
6	<i>Wind in the Willows</i> (1983) NR, 78 min	6	<i>The Hurt Locker</i> (2008) R, 131 min
13	<i>Peter Pan</i> (2003) PG, 113 min	13	<i>Mister Roberts</i> (1955) NR, 122 min
20	Special Starting Time: 5:45 <i>Life of Pi</i> (2012) PG, 123 min	20	<i>Grand Illusion</i> (1937) NR, 114min
27	<i>Mulan</i> (1998) G, 88 min	27	<i>Adjustment Bureau</i> (2010) PG-13, 106 min

Children must be accompanied by an adult.